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SUBJECT: LETELIER/MOFFITT CASE: JUDICIAL ACTIONS

REF: SANTIAGO 1523

1. FOLLOWING A TWO HOUR MEETING MARCH 6 A PANEL OF THE SUPREME COURT APPROVED THE TRANSMITTAL OF THE LETTERS ROGATORY ON WILLIAMS AND ROMERAL TO THE FIRST CRIMINAL COURT OF SANTIAGO. THE SUPREME COURT RESOLUTION REQUESTED THE JUDGE OF THE FIRST CRIMINAL COURT TO ACT UPON THE LETTERS ROGATORY PROMPTLY ("A LA MAYOR BREVEDAD"), AND TO DECIDE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW REQUESTS MADE IN THE LETTERS (PRESUMABLY A REFERENCE TO THE REQUEST THAT PROPPER BE PRESENT AT INTERROGATIONS OF WILLIAMS AND ROMERAL).

2. THE SUPREME COURT THIS MORNING, MARCH 7, APPOINTED APPEALS COURT JUDGE MARCOS LIBEDINSKY AS A SPECIAL INVESTIGATING JUDGE ("MINISTRO EN VISITA") TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBLE COMMISSION OF CRIMINAL ACTS IN THE ISSUANCE
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AND UTILIZATION OF OFFICIAL PASSPORTS ASCRIBED TO WILLIAMS AND ROMERAL.

3. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY LEGAL ADVISOR HERNAN RIOS DE MARIMON THAT THE GOC'S REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL INVESTIGATING JUDGE IS ENTIRELY SEPARATE FROM THE PROCEDURE FOR ANSWERING THE LETTERS ROGATORY. HE

CLAIMED THAT THIS SECOND LINE OF JUDICIAL ACTION WILL NOT IN ANYWAY DELAY THE FIRST CRIMINAL COURT'S ACTIVITIES. ACCORDING TO RIOS, JUDGE LIBEDINSKY WILL HAVE FULL POWERS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION AND TO PROSECUTE ANY PERSONS INVOLVED IN CRIMINAL ACTS WITH RESPECT TO THE PASSPORTS.

4. RIOS SHOWED EMBOFF A COPY OF THE REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL INVESTIGATING JUDGE DELIVERED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO SUPREME COURT PRESIDENT EYZAGUIRRE THE EVENING OF MARCH 6. THE DOCUMENT CLAIMS THAT THE MINISTRY HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO FIND ANY MENTION OF THE NAMES WILLIAMS AND ROMERAL, AND THAT THE OFFICIAL PASSPORTS REPORTEDLY ISSUED TO THOSE TWO PERSONS ARE SHOWN IN MINISTRY RECORDS AGAINST OTHER NAMES (NOT SPECIFIED), FURTHERMORE, THAT THE MINISTRY HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO FIND ANY TRACE OF A DOCUMENT REQUESTING THE TWO OFFICIAL PASSPORTS, THE NUMBERS OF WHICH HAVE BEEN LINKED TO WILLIAMS AND ROMERAL.
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